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City council approves \$20 million budget

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members unanimously approved the 2004-2005 budget Monday night. The budget, which showed revenues and expenditures of \$20,538,001, was balanced by taking \$1,976,677 from the surplus, leaving only \$439,675 in the current surplus fund. Debbie Hoffman, director of finance for the city said this was the best step for Romulus. "I would like to see the surplus number a little bit higher," said Hoffman. "But we have some additional revenues coming into the city, so I feel comfortable with that

amount right now." Other high cost items in the budget included a 9.64 percent increase in the funds appropriated for the Romulus Police Department. The department will receive a budget of \$7,695,087. Hoffman said much of the increase was due to rising health care costs. "We had a 17 percent increase in health care costs this year," she said. "We also had a lot of officers out on medical leave, so there was more overtime. We also started paying on the retirees' window this year, so these types of expenditures caused the amount to increase." Another big item was \$1.2 million set aside for major streets fund. Much of this money will go to routine main-

tenance, traffic services and winter maintenance to Hoffman. "This money will be used to complete projects," she said. "Not to begin any new projects." Mayor Alan Lambert said he feels lucky that the city was able to balance the budget and still have some funds left over in light of the current economy. "With the way the economy is right now, we are fortunate that we were able to do this and still have money to spare," said Lambert. "Right now, we are hoping that things will improve, but we are still going to tighten our belts, so we will be prepared if things are bad again next year."



Theresa, Blizman, left, Sue Mitchell, Shelia Stasak and Principal Diane Golka of Barth Elementary School were recognized by the Michigan Association of School Boards for the excellence of the anti-bullying program at the school.

Anti-bullying program recognized

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Bullying may soon be a thing of the past at Barth Elementary School. An award-winning "Anti-Bullying Program" has been implemented at the school. "It is a problem that we have felt for a long time needed to be addressed in schools in general," said Susan Mitchell, social worker and co-founder of the program at Barth. "We decided that it was an issue that required a comprehensive program to combat the bullying problem and that is what we did." Mitchell said that the school has been focusing on bullying for several years, particularly in the last two years, with the anti-bullying program. The program, which was created by Mitchell, Shelia Stasak, the health/physical education teacher and

Theresa Blizman, an intervention specialist, goes further than informing and educating students about bullying. "We believe that it has to be a group effort," said Mitchell. "Everyone from the staff to parents needs to be involved for the program to work." The program starts at the beginning of the school year with all of the Barth staff, everyone from bus drivers to the janitorial staff attends training sessions. "We decided that kids need to feel as though any adult in the building can help them," said Mitchell. "And we wanted to make sure that the faculty and staff was aware of the program and made an effort to be on the look out for bullying taking place." The school schedules monthly workshops for parents. Each month, parents are invited to attend the workshops, which have something

to do with bullying. Everything from anger management to strategies for dealing with behavior problems are covered to give parents the information and tools they need to deal with a bullying problem. Students are then brought into the program very early in the school year with a series of assemblies about bullying. "We have kids develop their own skits on bullying," said Mitchell. "It is amazing that students sometimes learn better when they are being taught by other students." Students are also taught by model what behavior is expected of them and what is considered appropriate behavior. Students are provided with strategies they can use if they are being bullied. "We teach students to ignore it, walk away from it or, if they feel comfortable, to tell the

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Last day to register for school board vote near

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Residents who want their voices heard in the school elections next month have to act quickly. The deadline to register to vote in the June 14 elections is Monday. There are two vacant seats on the school board and four candidates seeking office. Betty Lenossi, the sole incumbent on the ballot, is the current president of the school board. She has been a member of the school board for the last eight years and has been a resident of Romulus her entire life. She had two children go through the Romulus schools. Lenossi is employed at the Romulus Senior Center, where she serves as the transportation coordinator.

Thomas Kuderik, a lifetime resident of Romulus, serves as a supervisor at Waste Management in Romulus. Kuderik currently has two children in the Romulus schools and has never sought elected office. Leo Knasiak Jr., an 18-year resident of Romulus, is a retired inventory control manager for the Ford Motor Co. Knasiak has no children. He sought the office of mayor of Romulus in 1997. Dennis Lubas, a 17-year resident of Romulus is a retired general assembly employee for the Ford Motor Co. He also has no children and this is his first bid for elected office. For more information on the candidates and issues look to *The Romulus Roman* for profiles each week leading up to the June 14 elections.

Students receive lesson in drinking and driving

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus High School students got a dose of reality on drinking and driving this week from someone who knows the consequences all too well: Jason Barber. In 1991, Barber was a 19-year-old youth drag racing friends while drunk. In an instant, the fun turned to tragedy when the car crashed and Barber's 15-year-old brother, Aaron, was killed. Barber was convicted of vehicular manslaughter for the death of his little brother and was sentenced to six years in prison. "He looked up to me," said Barber. "I was supposed to be his role model and I let him down." Barber said while he was in prison he decided that he need-

ed to go to his brother's high school and apologize for his actions that night and the consequences that followed. After serving three years, 10 months and 18 days, Barber was released and he made his way to the high school. "We lived in a very small community in California," said Barber. "Everyone knew who we were. Even today I am still known as the oldest Barber boy. So, my actions that night affected everyone in my community and they still do 13 years later." Barber said a couple of weeks ago while at the local grocery store in his town, he turned around and saw Aaron's third grade teacher standing behind him in line. She saw Barber, began to cry and walked away.

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State-wide garage sale this weekend

Scott Spielman
Editor

What do you get when you combine 212 miles of road, spring cleaning and the American desire to make a profit? It's a state-wide garage sale, and it will return to Michigan Avenue next week.

The second annual event takes place along the 212 miles of U.S. 12 on May 14 and 15, according to Sally Carpenter, one of the organizers of the event. It encourages travelers to drive along the historic roadway and learn about the many communities that dot the thoroughfare.

It also encourages merchants to entice drivers into their community to take advantage of bargains or to treasure hunt through resale items.

The event is one of several planned this year to promote Michigan Avenue, according to Carpenter.

Donna McEachern, executive director of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, said she's been trying to get more involvement from Wayne businesses for the event. Last year, she had only a few weeks notice, and participation wasn't what she had hoped for.

"If it is successful this year, people will want to be involved," she said.

Already she's had some promises of involvement. There will be a large outdoor flea market in the parking lot of the Metro Place Mall, staffed in part by beneficiaries and clients of Community Living Services (CLS).

Tiffany Devon, public relations director for CLS, said so far two of the independent business owners and clients of CLS hope to take part in the event. One will display and sell hand-crafted greeting cards and the other, knit scarves, hats and purses. She said she hoped more businesses would sign up.

"The whole community should be signing up for this," Devon said.

Places like Favorite Fortunes, the Designer Warehouse, Outdoor Fun Store and more will also take part, she said.

She said any businesses can take part in the event without paying a separate permit fee. Wayne City Council members have already approved the event.

"That applied for everyone along Michigan Avenue,"

McEachern said. "Merchants are being encouraged to put items out."

The event is designed to help out businesses in the region, as well as those along the roadway, itself. The thought behind that is it will bring additional people into the community, Carpenter said.

"Restaurants, ice cream shops and others can benefit from the increased travel along the highway," she said.

Other events include an agricultural tour down U.S. 12 in September, a call to transform the road into the most patriotic road in America in July and a celebration of small-town hometowns in August.

For more information about the event, call the Wayne chamber at (734) 721-0100.

Dealer donates vehicle to charity hospital raffle

Scott Spielman
Editor

Jeff Scott, general manager at Dick Scott Automotive Group, said his firm would take a different approach to helping out a good cause.

The dealership donated one of three vehicles to a fundraising effort that will benefit the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, he said.

The vehicles will be raffled off, with the proceed going toward the expansion of a heart catheterization lab at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Tickets will be \$100 each, but only a maximum of 300 will be sold.

It's the fifth year the automotive group, which has dealerships in Plymouth and Canton Township, has been involved in fund-raising efforts for the hospital, according to Scott. In the past

they have sponsored their annual golf outing, donating cars to the fundraiser.

"Hopefully this will be a good way to help out," Scott said. "I think it will be more beneficial to the hospital."

The winning entrant will be able to choose either a 2004 Kia Sedona mini-van, a 2005 Nissan Ultima or a 2004 Dodge Neon SRT-4, the high performance model of the popular small car.

Scott said the group was happy to help out the hospital, which he called a good organization.

"It's obviously a big benefit to the community," he said.

Each year, the hospital group organizes a fundraiser to generate money for a particular project. Past fundraisers, of which Dick Scott has been a part, have helped fund the education center in the lower level of the St.

Joseph medical facility in Canton Township, off Canton Center Road.

The raffle is open to anyone over the age of 18. They can buy as many tickets as they like, but the deadline for entering the contest is June 2. The drawing will take place the day of the golf outing, June 7.

"If someone needs a ticket between June 2 and June 9, we'll try to accommodate them if there are any still available," Scott said.

They can be purchased at any

Dick Scott dealership: Dick Scott Dodge on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth; Dick Scott Nissan on Michigan Avenue in Canton, or at Dick Scott Nissan on the other side of Michigan Avenue. Tickets can also be purchased at St. Josephs, or requested through fax at (734) 712-3730. Winners don't have to present to win, but they can purchase a dinner-only ticket for the golf outing for \$25.

"It's a good program," Scott said. "We're excited to be a part of it every year."

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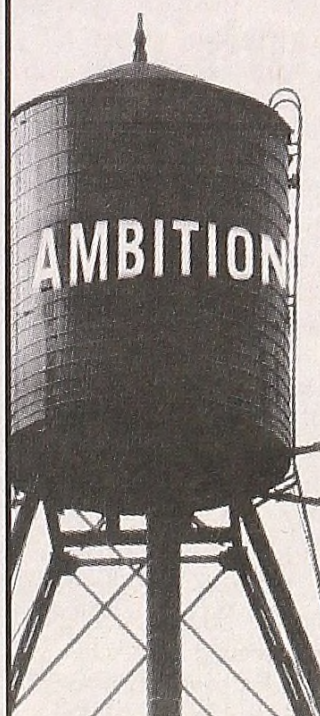


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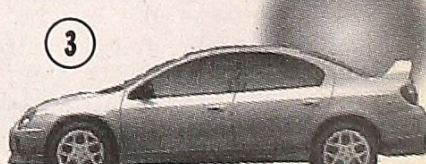
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Boy Scout recieves highest rank, honored by officials

Andrea King
Staff Writer

For more than seven years, 13-year old Justin Kuderik has learned to prepare for emergency circumstances, been trained in CPR and mastered survival skills for the wilderness. After 21 merit badges, he has earned his highest ranking- as an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

Kuderik, of Romulus, has been coached in his scouting skills by his family. Tom, his father and assistant scoutmaster, and Thomas, his 15-year-old brother, have both gone down the path that Kuderik has decided to follow.

As an Eagle Scout in Troop 872, Kuderik has met and exceeded several requirements making him one of the youngest Eagle Scouts in the program.

According to the Boy Scouts of Amercia, to become an Eagle Scout, scouts must active in their troop, demonstrate scout spirit by living according to the scout oath, earn a total of 21 merit badges and participate in a final community service project. The badge is awarded to those who have shown extraordinary leadership, community service work

and stand out above the rest. The receipt of each badge varies depending on the task, said Tom Kuderik.

"Justin has set an example for other scout members," said his

the Belleville Moose Lodge. His friends, family and merit badge counselors were present to honor his work with Christ'net a provider for the homeless.

"He was a major contributor

Christ'net has invited the new Eagle Scout to the awards banquet on Sunday.

This will not be the first award to go into Kuderick's collection. He has received recognition

show leadership by giving back to the community. His father said that he has taken the younger scouts under his wing.

"He has held numerous leadership roles to get where he is now," said Tom Kuderick. "He gives up his Monday nights to work with 6 and 7-year-old boys getting them prepared for activities and projects. As a leader, he is well respected by the boys making the process easier."

When Kuderik is not busy with scouts, he attends Romulus Middle School, enjoys paint-balling and experiments with his cooking skills. After high school, he hopes to attend Michigan State University for culinary arts while continuing to work with the youth.

Next year, he said that he would like to work as a cook in the Boy Scouts commons before attending the national jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. Eventually, he would like to hold the scoutmaster title.

Kuderik said he is glad to have accomplished such a goal before entering high school.

"I want to thank all the people who have helped me along the way," said Kuderik. "A lot of hard work was put into this, but the outcome was worth it."



Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert congratulates Justin Kuderick upon receiving his Eagle Scout rank at the May 3rd city council meeting.

proud father. "It is an honor for him to earn and he has put in a lot of hard work and dedication to get here."

Kuderick was presented with his Eagle Scout badge Sunday at

for Christ'net, collecting over 40 storage boxes filled with supplies for the homeless," said Tom Kuderik. "He also raised over \$1,000 that will go to different homeless collection sites."

from Pope John Paul, President George Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell, and other public officials.

As an Eagle Scout, Kuderik will continue to earn badges and

Cicadas return from 17 year hibernation

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

They're back.

After a 17-year hibernation period, cicadas will soon be coming out of a tree near you.

Billions of the insects are about to ascend from the ground for the next four to six weeks.

There will be no doubt about their arrival, according to the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), because when they arrive in mid-May it will sound like a perpetual buzz saw has invaded Romulus.

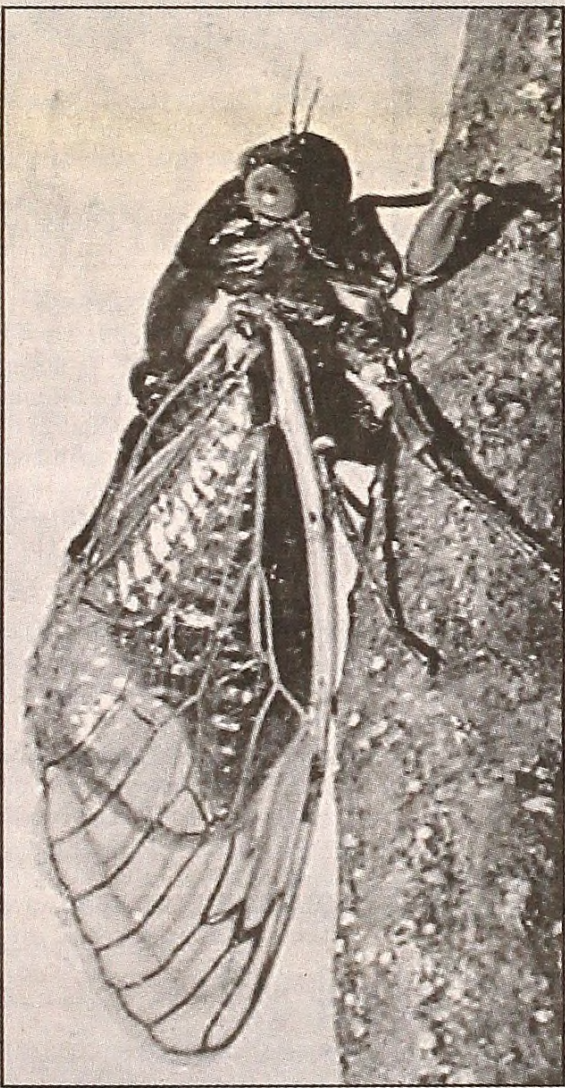
The group that is emerging this year, Brood X, is thought to be the largest of all the 17-year cicada broods. This species is only found in the United States, east of the Great Plains and will affect 15 states, including Michigan.

The insects look similar to a grasshopper, except they have red eyes and are mostly black with orange-veined wings. Although they may look weird, they are not dangerous. Cicadas do not bite, sting or in any way attack humans.

They do not carry disease or swarm. They may bump into you as they would a tree or stone as they go about their business of finding mates, avoiding predators and laying eggs. Aside from the noise they make, they should not be a bother, according to the NWF.

They will not take over the city; they will just cause an annoyance for the next six weeks.

After spending 17 years underground, the cicada construct exit tunnels through the soil and crawl up on a tree or a weed stem. Soon after, they shed their shells and the males begin to sing a mating song. This is the noise that residents will hear as they form into choruses looking for mates. After mating, the females will lay as many as 400 to 600 eggs in



After 17-years the cicadas will arrive in mid-May and be around through mid-June. Periodic cicadas look noticeably different from the more familiar dog day cicada. They have red eyes and are mostly black with orange-veined wings.

as many as 40 to 50 nests before dying.

The offspring will hatch and drop to the ground where they will burrow into the soil and feed on the sap of tree roots for the next 17 years.

Also good to note is that the cicadas will not destroy yards. Young trees with small branches may suffer some damage as the females lay their eggs, but the female cicadas can be kept out by loosely wrapping trees in cheesecloth to prevent damage.

Bullying

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bully they do not like what they are doing and ask them to stop," said Mitchell. "If none of the above works or if the child feels they can not handle the situation, they are told to go to an adult in the building"

Mitchell said that the school takes every incident of bullying, or even suspected bullying, seriously.

"Every incident is followed up with an investigation by the school faculty," she said. "Even if the person denies the bullying, we use it as a opportunity to talk to them about bullying," said Mitchell. "We have found it to be very useful and successful."

Students are also rewarded for random acts of kindness in

the "caught caring" portion of the program.

"We are always so quick to notice inappropriate behavior," said Mitchell. "Now we are making it a point to reward appropriate behavior."

If a student is seen by a teacher doing something nice for someone else, they receive a slip and their name goes into a drawing for prizes. If they are chosen they receive the prize and their name goes into the monthly newsletter.

"I think we are seeing a difference because we are all on the same page and speaking the same language," she said. "Our ultimate goal is to make the kids feel safe when they come to school and I think we are accomplishing that."

The program was recently honored by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Driving

FROM PAGE 1

"It affects an entire community when something like this happens," said Barber. "That is why I am trying to do everything I can to make sure that Aaron didn't die for nothing"

Since his first trip to the high school, Barber has made it his mission in life to talk to as many students as he can about the reality of drinking and driving.

Since his release from prison, Barber has furthered his education with a human services degree with an emphasis on drug and alcohol counseling. For the last four years, Barber has been working with Anheuser Busch as a spokesperson for the company talking to youth about the dangers of drinking and dri-

ving.

Central Distributors of Beer in Romulus is sponsoring Barber's presentation as part of the continuing effort to eliminate teen drinking and driving, according to Bill Ventola, coordinator of consumer awareness and education for Central Distributors.

In his presentation at Romulus High School, Barber shared his story along with two other stories about drinking and driving. He said he teaches students about personal responsibility and leadership, because if he can reach just one person, then he has made a difference.

"I do believe that I am making a difference," said Barber. "I want these kids to realize that what we do in our life is not just about us, it affects everyone around us."

OBITUARIES

REJMAN, Eleanor Stella

Eleanor Stella Rejman, 77, of Belleville, died April 2.

Among her survivors are her husband of nearly 57 years, Steve Harry Rejman; a daughter, Denise (Anthony) Amodeo of Belleville; sisters, Geraldine Nowak of Belleville, Patty Thomas of Ypsilanti and Virginia Krakowisk, also of Belleville; brothers, Bobby Pawlowski of Milan, and Frank Korgal of Belleville, and a granddaughter, Emily Grow of Belleville.

Mrs. Rejman was employed at Perfect Image Styling Salon.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Catholic Church with Father Thomas H. Cusick as celebrant.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

LITTLE, Donald Gene

Donald Gene Little, 44, of Romulus, died April 14.

Among his survivors are his wife,

Darlene Little; sons, Brian (Melissa) Little and Jeff Little; his parents, Harlan and Mary Little; four brothers, and a sister.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Joe Jones officiating.

Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

HALL, Ronald

Ronald A. Hall, 77, of Wayne, died May 9.

Among his survivors are his wife, Shirley K. (Lesperance) Hall; a son, Ted (Annie) Hall

of Romulus; a daughter, Vicki L. Whaley of Romulus; brothers, Yves and Alain Hall of France; a sister, Diane (Stanley) Butcher of England; his stepmother, Marie Hall of France, and a grandson, Teddy.

Mr. Hall retired from Kelsey Hayes in 1988.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday May 16 at Westland Christian Union Church where Mr. Hall was a member with the Rev. Neil Swanger officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Van Buren Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, on Wednesday May 26, 2004 to consider the following:

An ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance 6-2-92 an amended to the Charter Township of Van Buren to establish new regulations for Planned Elderly Housing Development (PEHD) as follows:

ARTICLE VII to include a new subsection titled SECTION 7.04.A - PLANNED ELDERLY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (PEHD).

A complete text of the proposed amendment will be available for review at the Township Department of Developmental Services Office. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with disability should fee free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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1954 PA 188 Proceedings
Notice of Street Improvement Design Special Assessment
Public Hearing
Charter Township of Van Buren
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNHSP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions by the property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose footage constitutes more than 50 percent of the total footage of the hereinafter described as Belle Harbor Estates and Lake Crest Subdivisions Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to develop engineering and construction plans for proposed improvements to the road storm water management system and repaving of the public roads, together with the necessary structures an other work incidental thereto, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows: Belle Harbor Estates and Lake Crest Subdivisions.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township has received a preliminary estimate from the Township Engineers for a cost not to exceed \$164,700.00. This information is on file at the Township Clerk's Office and is available for examination and will further be available at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that two public hearings upon the proposed street project design cost will be held at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center at 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2004 and Tuesday, June 1, 2004.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said Plans, Estimates and Costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Joannie D. Payne
Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 4, 2004

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Treasurer Budd. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Interim Public Safety Director Smolen, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Planning and Zoning Administrator Pugsley, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of eleven (11).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of April 19, 2004 as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2004 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from a local resident thanking the Public Safety Department for conducting property checks.

The Letter Carriers' National Food Drive will be held on Saturday, May 8th postal employees will pick up non-perishable food items from your mailbox and distribute to local food banks.

An Old Tire Recycling Day will be held free of charge on May 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. behind Township Hall for Van Buren Township residents to dispose of old tires in an environmentally friendly manner.

The Seventh Annual "Pint of Life" 2004 Down River Blood Drive will be held on Monday, June 21st at Van Buren Township Hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of Ordinance 04-20-04 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to revise regulations pertaining to Accessory Buildings in Article II – Definitions; and Sections 4.10 Lot Area and 4.14 Accessory Structures and Uses. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rochowiak, Hart, Jahr, Herman, Payne and King. Nays: None. Absent and excused: Budd. Carried.

*(A synopsis of Ordinance 04-20-04 follows the minutes. A complete copy may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.).

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Herman seconded to approve the appointment of Matthew R. Best as community representative to the Open Space Committee with term to expire June 30, 2005. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to approve the proposed amendment to the contract for construction administration services provided by Wade-Trim Associates for the Ecorse Road Water Main/Visteon Water and Sewer Construction Project in the amount of \$15,500. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Hart moved, Herman seconded to approve the May 4, 2004 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Recreation Department announced the following events: A Mother Son Hoedown will be held on Friday, May 14th. A Cedar Pointe trip will be on Thursday, June 10th. The Van Buren Recreation Department and the Belleville Parks Commission proudly present a Detroit Tigers baseball trip on Friday, June 27, 2004. For further information on classes and events contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Carried.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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OPINION

An awesome task

The importance of school board elections is often overlooked in many communities.

The issues that often accompany these elections are among the most important to all who reside within the districts, regardless of whether they have children.

School board members are responsible for adequately managing budgets that often exceed those of the municipalities they serve. They are charged with the task of overseeing the maintenance of the investment made by taxpayers in the school buildings that have been constructed. And most importantly of all, they are given the task of providing the best possible future for our children by ensuring their educational opportunities will adequately prepare them for life beyond the bounds of schools.

It's often a thankless task.

At a time when the economy is still in bad shape, when school districts are continually striving to meet the needs of parents and students, keep schools safe and keep up with technology, it's a very important job.

Whether the concern is how the district meets a rapidly growing population base, as in Northville, or tackles the perennial problems with Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test scores in others, the issues are important to the very fabric of the community.

School districts are the heart of the community, and they require the right mix of people to serve on their respective boards.

It's an important way to have a say in the community, in general, but unless you're seeking a school board office, the only way to do that is to vote in the upcoming election on June 14.

The only way to do that, of course, is to be registered, and that deadline is looming.

It's an easy thing to overlook, for many people who have moved during the year. Residents may have decided to put it off until the fall, when they'll need to register to vote in the general elections. But if potential voters register before the 4 p.m. deadline on Monday, it will be one less thing to worry about then.

School board members have plenty of tough decisions ahead of them, regardless of which district they represent. Let them know they're not working in a vacuum. If you're not registered yet to vote, do so before Monday. And be sure to vote on June 14.

Promotion prompts questions

Just when it seems things couldn't get any more strained in the Inkster Police Department, along comes a plan to promote a relative departmental newcomer over two established police veterans into a role that many think is completely unnecessary.

That's what happened last week when 29-year-old Sgt. Aaron Peacock, a seven-year veteran of the force, was appointed as commander, a role that will oversee three lieutenants, three sergeants and more than 30 road patrol officers. Before the promotion, Peacock supervised three officers and four civilian employees in the records department. He had not yet completed the mandatory one-year supervisory requirement for being a command officer.

Passed over were Lt. Tom Diaz, a 16-year member of the force and former interim police chief who assisted current Chief Marvin Winkler as he transitioned into his role, and Lt. Greg Hill, a 23-year member of the force. Both men have completed Staff and Command Training. Peacock has not.

Granted, it's not an unprecedented event for a department to pass over some senior officers and promote younger, less experienced officers. We just don't think it's a wise decision here.

See **Commander**, page 6



What's the big (boy) deal?

You know him well: the checkered overalls, the upturned wisp of black hair, the smile ending in happy red circles on his cheeks.

The image is indelibly etched into hamburger eternity.

The Big Boy.

And I'm sure you've all heard about what's going on in Canton Township with our rotund little door-watcher. It's not only been in all the local papers, Big Boy has gone national. NBC has telecast something on it, as have other cable television outlets.

If, by some powers higher than the cherubic platter-lifter himself, you haven't heard the story, a Canton Township zoning ordinance forbids a business from having more than one advertisement sign on the property. Tony Matar, franchise owner of the Big Boy on Ford Road, has a welcoming sign and the Big Boy standing guard with his plate full of goodies. That's two, for those keeping count. Two of what, though?

There's the catch. It's only the next paper or plastic, Coke or

Pepsi?

Is it statue or sign?

Or, according to Judge Ronald Lowe of the 35th District Court, it's a piece of public art, but that's the RC Cola of the comparisons.

So, which is it?

I say, who cares?

The media coverage of the

A little free publicity never hurt. But enough already. Aren't there other things to worry about in the township than a chubby little hamburger peddler?

Big Boy situation has gotten way out of hand. It's one of those stories bigger media outlets pick up for the quirkiness factor. But on a community level, worrying about whether or not the Big Boy is going to be there grinning

at you the next time you stop in for a milkshake is absurd.

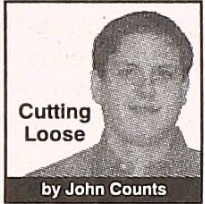
There are so many other things to focus on in the community; Cherry Hill Village, Relay for Life, Liberty Fest. Township elections are only a few months away.

But all we hear about is the Big Boy. It seems like a simple case of free publicity going too far. Nobody seems to be asking Matar how many more Slim Jims he's pushing a week due to the media exposure. I'm sure not going to waste my time asking.

A little free publicity never hurt. But enough already. Aren't there other things to worry about in the township than a chubby little hamburger peddler?

Hopefully, I won't have to hear about it when I'm eating down the street at the recently reopened Johnson's Family Restaurant where, thankfully, there is no statue.

Or is it a sign?



Cutting Loose
by John Counts

Look out for your personal outlook

I think most of my attitude about taking personal responsibility for your own quality of life and health rubbed off from my dad, who contracted multiple sclerosis when he was about 30 years old, and died at 72. Despite being unable to move his lower limbs during those many years, he had a sharp mind and a terrific outlook on life.

He was upbeat all the time and never let his physical condition get him down. He loved to have people visit and always had great stories and jokes ready for them. I think a lot of that was passed along to me. I saw that he had such an amazingly positive

attitude and how much it meant to the quality of his life - and to the lives of those around him - every single day.

So it's probably not too surprising to those who really know me, that I consciously decide every day that I'm going to do something positive for my health and my outlook on life. I figure there's simply no guarantee that I - or anyone else - will feel good without making fitness and a positive outlook a personal commitment.

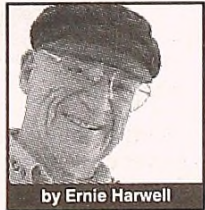
And please remember to take care of your health before it's longggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the

Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone.

Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years.

His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



by Ernie Harwell

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Child's love of reading begins very early in life

Patricia Rupert
Guest Writer

"When will my child be a reader?"

If I only had a nickel for each time I was asked that question. One would think I would have the answer after 26 years of teaching elementary school, 35 years of motherhood and 10 years as a grandparent.

The answer is: when he or she is ready. Just like kids don't all walk at exactly the same time, so goes reading. A set of pre-skills are needed to climb on the train to a life-long reader.

The next question is always: How can I help my child? You - parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or friend - can play a big part in getting the track laid to successful reading.

One of my dearest memories is the announcement that my daughter, Lisa, and son-in-law, Scott were bringing me another grandchild. My head was racing ahead, already making a list of the life-long skills this child would need to survive the new millennium. Technology was high on the list. As I broke down

the skills, I again was reminded that reading was the keystone to all learning.

As a young teacher, I attended an in-service workshop at Eastern Michigan University. It was conducted by the reading guru, Mary Bigler. I learned so much, but one of her statements absolutely stuck with me: "A child needs 2,000 hours of interacting with print and books before he or she is ready to begin reading at age 5 or 6."

The look on my son-in-law's face said it all. "Wow, he kept repeating. Two thousand hours."

"And we are a month behind," I mumbled as I reached for the rhythmic book, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* by the Lyrical Bill Martin.

I began to read to the child entombed in my daughter's body. I was upbeat in my oral reading. I made everyone promise to read to that baby. They all promised - and rolled their eyes at me.

Well, Henry came into the world full of anticipation as to what would come next. He was a content yet curious baby; he

awoke from naps and quietly looked around at the world he was now a part of. At three weeks old, when we read *Brown Bear, Brown Bear*, he listened intently, turning his head to the reader and surveying the pictures, sound and print. He was only three weeks old and he was a 'reader.' Granted it was emergent, but he was interacting with books.

It was no wonder that, at eight months old, his first word was book. As soon as he was mobile, he would find that book and bring it to us; he would even show problem-solving ability, pushing the book on the floor when he needed all four appendages to propel himself.

My message to grandparents, parents, friends and family is to read to children while they're in the womb and after birth. Read the same book over and over and over. You may learn to hate the book but trust me, the joy of raising a life-long reader will long surpass this feeling.

What a gift you can give. It fits all sizes; won't wrinkle or fade and certainly never can be returned or outgrown.



by Patricia Rupert

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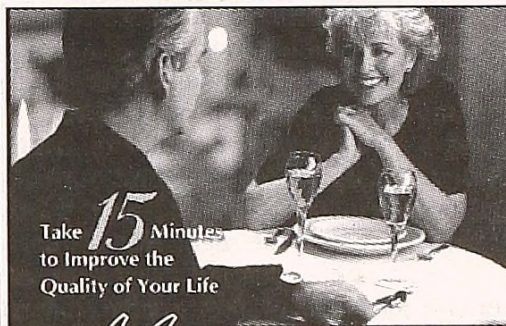
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Commander

FROM PAGE 5

Diaz and Hill are both much more qualified for the role. Their one disadvantage, it seems, is the lack of a bachelor's degree, which is something that each is diligently working toward. We're curious what a few additional years of schooling can teach a man who's been in a highly specialized field of work for more than a decade and already performed virtually every duty the job requires.

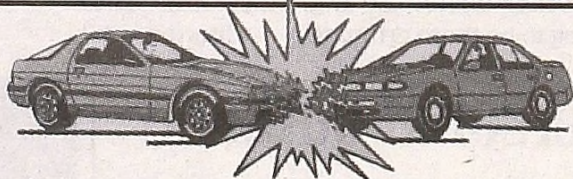
It raises a few questions, the most glaring of which is: what are the expectations of this new position? The commander will oversee the operations of three road patrol shifts. Is that responsibility too much for someone who has not gone through Staff and Command Training? If not, we

think city officials have to question the need for the position in the first place. The result of it is that three people are doing what two - the chief and deputy chief - have previously done. This is at a time when municipalities throughout the state are looking at ways of combing resources and reducing staff members in the wake of reduced state-shared revenue.

Coupled with the impact the move will have on morale, we can't help but think this is a step in the wrong direction for the department and the city.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL
HELD APRIL 26, 2004 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS,
MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Debbie Romak.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.
Absent: None.
Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear, Councilman William A. Crova
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-187

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 12, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Abstain - Romak.
Motion Carried.

3. No Petitioners

04-188

- 4A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of William Case, City of Romulus Electrical Inspector, retired.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-189

- 4A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to a adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Roderick E. Smith, Romulus Township Clerk from 1959 to 1966, retired.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to accept the Chairman’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-190

- 5A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to forward the following resolution to Congressman John Dingell, Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Raymond Basham, State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood and Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, opposing the closing of the Romulus Secretary of State Office:

City of Romulus
Resolution 04-190

- Whereas:** It has come to the attention of the elected officials of the City of Romulus that the Secretary of State branch office located on Goddard Road (downtown Romulus) is closing due to opening of enhanced SOS Super Centers and SOS Plus offices which are designed to provide customers greater convenience and expanded service options; and
- Whereas:** The City of Romulus is a major transportation center in southeastern Michigan because of its proximity to Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, I-94 and I-275 expressways, CSX Railroad, Norfolk and Southern Railroad, and numerous trucking and air freight companies; and
- Whereas:** The residential population of Romulus is 23,345 people, however, with six new residential subdivisions currently under construction, and because of Romulus’ large work force and travelers, approximately 2.5 million people utilize the services of the City of Romulus weekly; and
- Whereas:** The Secretary of State branch office is one of the few amenities available to the residents and the work force in our City.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Administrative and Legislative officials of the City of Romulus oppose the closing of the Secretary of State Romulus office and pray, that you will reconsider and leave this office open or, as a last resort, immediately initiate the necessary process to locate the space needed for placement of a SOS Super Center or SOS Plus office in Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-191

- 5A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-39:

FUND/DEPT.	CURRENT	AMENDED
ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET
Motor Vehicle -Equipment Expenditures		
661-4410-744.74-78 Equipment Maintenance	120,220	41,000
		161,220
Retained Earnings	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE
Motor Vehicle & Equipment	689,892	41,000
		648,892

To appropriate additional funds to cover the current budget deficit and to cover expenditures through June 30, 2004 in the Motor Vehicle & Equipment Fund, Equipment Maintenance Account.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-192

- 5B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-40:

FUND/DEPT.	CURRENT	AMENDED
ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET
Beverly Road Expenditures		
301-4810-748.90-10 Project Costs	0	635
		635
Retained Earnings	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE
Beverly Road	208,199	635
		207,564

To appropriate additional funding to cover the final engineering costs to Wade-Trim for the Beverly Road project.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - Miller, Romak
Motion Carried.

04-193

- 5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to award Bid #03/04-34 Camera Equipment, to the only bidder, B.E. Meyers & Co., for a total bid price of \$6,470.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-194

- 5D. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Miller to concur with the Administration and accept the proposal for Solution Area Planner from Marsh USA, Inc., up to \$25,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the proposal.

Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-195

- 5E. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to amend the Policy and Procedure Manual of the City of Romulus to include the Information Technology Management Policy and the Technology Use Policy.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-196

- 6A1. Motion by Miller, supported by Prybyla to concur with the recommendation of the City Assessor and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to reconvey two parcels in the Junction Subdivision Block 4, lots 44 and 45, both with the east half of the adjacent vacated alley, parcel ID Number 80 077 04 0044 000 and 80 077 04 0045 000 to its rightful owner Ramon Underwood.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-197

- 6A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to approve Second Reading and Final Adoption of Appendix A - Zoning Amendment 1.188 an Ordinance to rezone 54.188 ± acres of land located between Smith Road and I-94 and Middlebelt Road and Hudson Street, from BT (Business Transitional) to RC (Regional Center District).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-198

- 6A3. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to schedule a study session on May 10, 2004 at 6:00 pm to be held in the Romulus City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, for the purpose of an update on the Merriman Road Enhancement Project, and at 6:30 p.m. to discuss issues associated with Tax

Funding for school rock wall continues to climb

Andrea King
Staff Writer

At Tyler Elementary School everyone knows that before you climb, you have to crawl.

With the help of area residents, the Tyler Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), hopes to fund a \$10,000 school-climbing wall.

Penny Voigt, Tyler Elementary School principal, said that Sam Villa, the physical education instructor, has been working toward this goal for a couple of years now.

“Villa was trying to look for a different way for children to remain active,” said Voigt. “The rock wall expands their world a little and gives them exercise at the same time.”

So far, efforts have generated more than \$4,000. Once \$8,000 is secured, the school can begin the building process. Anything beyond \$8,000 will be used for

extra accessories, she said.

After visiting other elementary schools, Voigt said that they were convinced a rock wall was they way they wanted to go.

“Rock walls are useful in the academic environment in many ways,” said Voigt. “They provide the physical challenge of a student’s abilities, promote student’s self-esteem and are a great deal of fun.”

The traverse wall allows students to climb across without ropes, harnesses or other special equipment. A 3-foot red safety line will be added along with mats underneath the wall for extra protection. When not in use, the mats are locked over the rock wall.

For the past two years, both the students and the physical education department of Tyler have been working to generate funds by selling sweatshirts, t-shirts, snacks and other products, said Voigt.

“We are very proud of our students and staff for their diligence and on-going

efforts to see this project succeed,” she said. “It is our hope to reward their dedication by having the rock wall installed before they return to school in the fall.”

There are four methods of contribution to the project including: the Everest Club, the Kilimanjaro Club, the Rocky Mountain Club and the Mount Brighton Club.

The “Everest Club” is for members who donate \$1,000 or more. Contributors will receive their names in the gymnasium on a wall-mounted plaque along with a thank you in the school newspaper.

The “Kilimanjaro Club” is for mem-

bers who donate \$500-\$1,000. Those contributors will receive their name engraved in the gymnasium on a nameplate, as well as a thank-you in the school newspaper.

The “Rocky Mountain Club” contributors will have their name placed on the “wall of rocks” which represents the amount of money received for the rock wall. Those contributors will also be in the school newspaper.

The final group, the “Mount Brighton Club” contributors, will also receive their name on the temporary wall of rocks.

For more information, or to donate, call the school at (734) 699-5818.

Senior help program planned

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The September Days Senior Center needs the helping hands of the community.

In order to begin spring cleaning, the senior center in Van Buren Township is creating a “chore service and minor home repair” committee to give senior citizens the extra assistance that they may need.

Linda Combs, September Days Senior Center director, said that the projects that will be done may be considered minor to some people, but they are big projects to seniors.

“We are trying to coordinate a program to bring the “handy” folks together with seniors in need of occasional help with larger tasks,” said Combs. “Most of us don’t think twice about changing a light bulb, but unfortunately, some older folks

aren’t able to do those things like they used to.”

The list of jobs—gutter work, eaves, yard work, window cleaning, washing walls, painting, snow removal, minor home repair and companion services—can become overwhelming to seniors with physical limitations. The first goal would be to develop “needing” and “willing to help” lists. Each list will include the contact name and information. Committee members will then be matched with the appropriate seniors, she said.

Assistance will be on a volunteer basis, with references provided by all volunteers.

“We’re trying to provide a few more services to Van Buren Township; services that most seniors can’t afford,” she said.

For more information, or to volunteer, call the center office at 734-699-8918.

CITY OF ROMULUS

NOTICE OF LETTING BID NUMBER 03 / 04 - 036 CITY OWNED PROPERTY

Sealed Bids will be received in the office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 until 2:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time on June 1, 2004. Bids will be opened at 2:15 p.m. on June 1, 2004 in the City of Romulus Community Room. (lower level).

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7. 014 03 0243 000	Chamberlain	40 x 120
8. 020 010154 000	Vinewood	30 x 125
9. 020 010258 300	Coleman	60 x 133
10. 020 03 0034 000	Arlene Court	60 x 458
11. 044 010355 001	Farnum	10 x 120
12. 144 02 0095 000	Harrison	86 x 167
13. 144 02 0098 000	Harrison	133 x 295

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May 13, 2004

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual School Election of the School District will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004.

TAKE NOTICE that the following shall be voted upon by the electors at the annual election to be held on Monday, June 14, 2004:

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

There will be elected two members to the Board of Education of the School District for a full term of four years ending in 2008. The names of all eligible School Board candidates are as follows:

Robert T. Binert	Matthew R. Sikowski
Toni Hunt	Leon Wright
Keith L. Johnston	

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2004, IS MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks’ offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Ralph A. Nodwell, Secretary
Board of Education

Publish: May 13, 2004

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Increment Finance Authority and TIFA Amended and Restated Plan (TIFA District 11).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-199

6B4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff, to schedule a Public Hearing on May 25, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Romulus City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, regarding approval of Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-200

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff, to authorize the Treasurer to disburse payment of Warrant 04-08 in the grand total amount of Four Hundred Ninety Two Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty One Dollars and Ninety Two Cents (\$492,221.92).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
Clerk

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To the rescue

Annual effort to help environment set for June 5

Scott Spielman
Editor

Dynamite Park off Michigan Avenue will once again be the focus of the annual Rouge Rescue Day, but the plan for the county-wide event has changed.

Kurt Kuban, a Wayne resident who has coordinated efforts to clean up the Rouge River in the city, said that when volunteers descend on the park on June 5, there will be less clean up, and more planting going on.

Working with the city and spring boarding from a volunteer effort that takes place next week with Ford Motor Co. employees, Kuban said he hopes to take the first steps to develop an overall trail system for the park.

He said he wants to use ash tree wood chips to help strengthen the pathways that are already sprinkled throughout the site, connect them and form a regular nature preserve.

Dynamite Park is located off the north side of Michigan Avenue, it is accessible by

Josephine Street, a short dirt road that slopes downhill near the Missionary Baptist Church.

The park is a hidden gem, according to Kuban. It has trails that meander along the Rouge, at some points rising to relatively tall bluffs that overlook a deceptively serene landscape.

"There are a lot of different ecosystems here," he said. "There are a lot of features in the park that we can enjoy. It's amazing, when you get back

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The path system, he said, would ultimately have several loops. It would take up where Washington Trail leaves off and provide hikers a chance to check out the local scenery.

"There are some places that need to be cleaned up, but otherwise, the trails lead all the way to Venoy Road," Kuban said.

Rouge Rescue Day is an attempt to clean up the Rouge River all along the watershed. Kuban started the effort in



Volunteers will concentrate more on planting than cleaning during the annual Rouge River Rescue set for June 5 this year. Concerned residents from throughout the area have worked on the effort to clean the waterway for four years.

Wayne about four years ago, he said. In past years, he has led the effort to clean a huge amount of trash from the river – everything from shopping carts to old tires, furnaces and other oddities. Now, he said he wants to take the plan a step further.

"That's one of the positive signs of what we've done," he said. "That trash isn't there any more."

He and the Ford workers will

be on the site on May 26. They'll be taking some of the litter out and planting indigenous species of plants throughout the park. The June 5 event is open to anyone in the community. It starts at about 9 a.m. and will be finished by 1 p.m., he said.

Ramzi El-Gharib, City of Wayne engineer, said he has been working with Kuban on the specifics of the trail development plan.

"It's a beautiful plan," El-Gharib said.

Kuban also serves on the Wayne 2020 Committee, which was organized to foster the ideas put forth by the Cool Cities Task Force. He said having a nature preserve within the community would be a good step toward that goal.

"It's gotten better every year, as far as I'm concerned," he said. "I hope it continues."

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In their attempt to bring down the lethally seductive, enigmatically powerful Count Dracula, Van Helsing's assistant Carl (David Wenham), legendary monster hunter Van Helsing (Hugh Jackman) and fearless gypsy Anna Valerious (Kate Beckinsale) track the Count to his lair, Castle Dracula

'Van Helsing' is pure torture for audiences

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

"I want to live," said Frankenstein's monster in the just released action-packed movie *Van Helsing*.

In a way, I knew what he meant. Unfortunately, I just wanted to live through the movie – survive at all costs. Much like the title character Van Helsing (Hugh Jackman) but for other reasons, I had to suffer through more than two hours of pure hell.

In the movie, Van Helsing was chased, battered and beaten by three legendary creatures – Frankenstein's monster (Shuler

Hensley), Wolf Man (Will Kemp), and the king of all classic horror flicks Dracula (Richard Roxburgh).

In the audience, I was pummeled by cheesy one-liners, slapped in the face with a terrible storyline and tortured by horrendous acting. All of this sent me reeling for the closest exit with hopes that sunlight would put an end to the dreadful monster of a film.

The storyline is as ugly as the Frankenstein monster and is sewn together just a poorly.

Van Helsing is a cool 19th century blend of Indiana Jones and James Bond who appears to like

things shaken more than he does stirred. The movie is even complete with a Q-like character, Carl (David Wenham), who creates a host of ridiculous weapons and gadgets, which would be unheard of even by the futuristic vampire hunter Blade, let alone a 19th century friar.

The audience receives their first taste of Van Helsing's mysterious capabilities when he is hot on the trail of the notorious Mr. Hyde, as in *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, in 1840s Paris. The sequence is a preposterous and poorly animated fight sequence between the two characters. Mr. Hyde is completely computer-generated. The scene ends in a predictable way.

Van Helsing is merciless when he hunts down evil, usually deciding to kill rather than capture. This ruthlessness ostracizes him from both the society he sets forth to protect and the secret religious society that employs him. Besides that, the rest of the character's traits and history are loosely plied together.

After the Hyde incident, Van Helsing is beckoned to hunt down Dracula before he unleashes thousands of vampires, spawned by his three brides Marishka (Josie Maran), Verona (Silvia Colloca) and Aleera

(Elena Anaya), upon the world. And, in some unexplained way, Frankenstein's monster is the key in releasing the evil while the werewolf is bound to protect the dark prince, Dracula.

Along the way, and with the help from his trusty sidekick Carl, Van Helsing must save the lineage of Anna (Kate Beckinsale), the last member of the family sworn to destroy the legendary evil "bat man".

Although Jackman and Beckinsale are the exception, the acting is torturously bad. The vampires, Dracula and his wives, are barely tolerable – annoying at best – and Frankenstein's mon-

ster, which seemingly knows everything, is terrifying but only when one-liners are concerned. Carl is squeamishly irritating and the special effects are flaccid and dull. There's nothing that hasn't been done before without any hope of bringing the movie to life.

Awful and ridiculous – if this movie is supposed to be the kick-off to a season of blockbusters; audiences are in for a very long summer.

So, lock your silver bullets away, put the garlic-clove necklace down and take the holy water back to the church. You'll need a lot more than that to survive this movie.



Van Helsing (Hugh Jackman) joins with Anna Valerious (Kate Beckinsale) to destroy Count Dracula



At his masquerade ball, Count Dracula (Richard Roxburgh) and Anna Valerious (Kate Beckinsale) dance in front of a mirror -- where only Anna is reflected.

Disco fever

Museum to exhibit memorabilia of 70s music craze

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Those who crave the intense sparkle of disco balls are invited to take their "groove things" to an exhibit that honors the disco craze of the 1970s.

"Disco: A Decade of Saturday Nights," is a major exhibit scheduled to hustle into the Henry Ford Museum June 15. Event organizers promise the show will bring the music, images, fashion, memorabilia and history of the disco phenomenon to Detroit. The event was organized by the Experience Music Project, an interactive music company located in Seattle.

"We're excited to have the opportunity to show people the

influence that disco had on our society, above and beyond its musical impact," said Patricia Mooradian, chief operating officer for The Henry Ford. "This exhibit is a great blend of education and entertainment that many of us experienced ourselves in the 1970s and early 80s."

Paige Prill, a spokeswoman for the Experience Music Project, said 350,000 people filed through the doors to learn more – or remember – the disco movement from inception to resurgence after 20 years in exile.

"No one had ever done a disco exhibit before," she said. No one had actually traced the history of the music before. The idea that someone would put together an exhibit about disco was some-

thing that has mass appeal."

Some of the items on display date back to some of the most memorable music and movies ever made, Prill said.

The famous – or infamous – white suit worn by John Travolta in the 1978 movie *Saturday Night Fever* will be prominently displayed. Costumes and gowns donned by disco divas Donna Summer, Patti LaBelle and Gloria Gaynor – of *I Will Survive* fame – will be also centerpieces of the exhibit. Rare photographs snapped by Andy Warhol at dance clubs such as Studio 54, the Loft and Paradise Garage, as well as records and memorabilia from artists such as A Taste of Honey, Grace Jones, the Bee Gees, Chic and Sylvester.

"The costumes were really popular, and so were the interactive elements of the show," Prill said.

Prill said it took more than years to gather the more than 200 pieces of disco history from several owners.

A fully-operational dance floor, complete with a laser light show and an interactive DJ booth that plays disco classics by request is an integral part of making the disco experience come alive again, Prill said.

The disco craze initially began in gay nightclubs in the early 1970s. Partygoers at all types of

nightclubs began dancing to the disco beat in droves in the mid-1970s. The fad was flaming out by the end of the 1970s, until the movie *Saturday Night Fever* was released in 1978. A backlash against the music, however, forced many disco artists into musical exile by 1980.

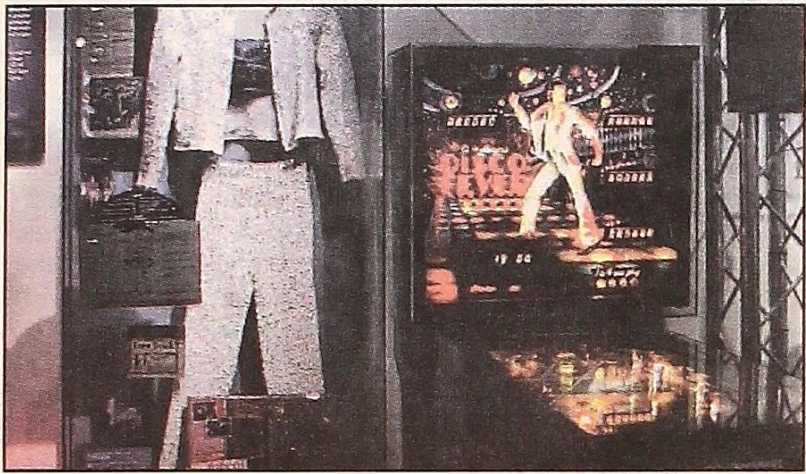
By the time the mid-1990s rolled around, music fans started to rediscover the music.

"Disco has always had its own niche; some people really love it," Prill said. "Some kids that came to the exhibit love dance music. They thought the music was new, when actually it was from a different period in a very different time."

Timed tickets for "Disco: A Decade of Saturday Nights," are on sale for \$7 at www.thehenryford.com or by calling (313) 902-6001.



Visitors will have the opportunity to make their own Studio 54 music at a mixmaster.



From original clothing to pinball machines and dance lessons, disco permeated nearly every aspect of society in the 1970s and early 1980s.

Soon to wed



Joseph Fether—Natalie Proost

Proost, Fether

Natalie Marie Proost and Joseph Allen Fether will marry July 10.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Raquel Marie Proost of Wayne and James William Proost of Romulus. She is a graduate of Romulus High School and earned her pharmacy certification. She is employed as a pharmacy technician.

The future groom is the son of Clifford Dean and Margo Marie Fether of Waldron, MI. He is a graduate of Waldron High School and is employed as a farmer and carpenter.

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SPORTS

Chiefs still undefeated

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs soccer squad stayed solid last week with two wins over the John Glenn Rockets and the Ann Arbor Huron River Rats to remain undefeated.

Against the Rats, Canton was down 1-0 at the end of the first half but rebounded in the second to win 2-1.

Lisa Ealy put the ball in the net first to knot the score 1-1. Rachel Perry assisted on the goal. Andrea Johnson, assisted by Katie Mills, nailed the second goal to put the game away.

Junior Goalie Brittany Cervi recorded three saves to help

land the win, according to Canton coach Don Smith.

Chiefs 8, Rockets 0

The struggling John Glenn Rockets were no contest for the titanic Chiefs on Wednesday, May 5. John Glenn couldn't get their offense going in order to steer clear of an 8-0 loss.

Johnson led the team with two goals and two assists. Perry added a goal and an assist while Mills, Megan Romer and Megan Maloney each recorded a goal and an assist. Christy Daniels and Rebecca Houdek each added single goals and Bailey Fagen offered an assist in the win.

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The Canton Chiefs remain undefeated with a 10-0-3 overall record and a 4-0-1 division record. They remain tied for first in the division with the Northville Mustangs.

Rockets softball improves, defeats Salem Rocks, 10-8

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The John Glenn Rockets surged back from a 6-1 deficit to overcome the Salem Rocks, 10-8, in softball Monday night.

"That's the thing about this team," said Glenn Coach Bill Duncan. "The girls have character. They have no intention of lying down - they kept right at it, even when faced with a deficit."

At the end of two innings, the Rockets were down 6-1 and in the top of the fifth they were down 7-2. In the bottom of the fifth they managed three runs to narrow the gap to 7-5, but Salem knocked one more in to make it an 8-5 game.

At the bottom of the sixth the Rockets went through 10 batters and scored five runs to put the game away, 10-8.

Rebecca Oros went 3-for-4 on

the day with a single, double, triple and four RBIs. Amanda Fullerton went 2-for-3 with one RBI and Devon Ross had two hits in the win.

Megan Dean hit a grounder to Salem's shortstop, who made an error and allowed two runs to score in the sixth to help secure the victory.

Dana Baran was strong from the mound. She gave up nine hits and recorded four strikeouts.

"She played well under the pressure," Duncan said. "She made the pitches she had to make to help us out."

Baran also hit a single to drive a run in.

John Glenn now holds a winning 3-2 record in their division.

The Rockets' had a tough week on the softball diamond last week. They lost four of their last five games, including two close matches against Livonia Franklin

and Salem. They also went 1-3 at a tournament hosted by Bedford.

Despite their shortcomings, Duncan continues to look at the positive of his young team with only one pitcher.

"The girls have been playing fantastic softball," he said. "We've been making offensive and defensive plays. Dana Baran has been improving every game

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Northville Mustangs shut out Churchill, 8-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustangs didn't have any problems against the Churchill Chargers in girl's varsity soccer on Wednesday, May 5. The Chargers' offside trap was no match for the 'Stangs speed and they ran away with an 8-0 shutout.

Churchill's trap did catch Northville offside eight times in each half but they quickly adapted in order to score four goals in each frame.

Freshman forward Danielle Toney raced up the left side of the field on a breakaway, from a pass by Tessa Adkins, and buried the ball in the net to give Northville the 1-0 lead with 17:03 left in the first half.

Two minutes later, Lauren Hill

The momentum continued in favor of Northville for the second half.

added another goal for Northville off of an assist from Vanessa Bailey. Whitney Guenther made it a three-goal game when she passed it up to Kelly Long, who dodged a tackle by the goalie and walked the ball in for the score, according to Northville Coach Ron Meteyer.

Jessica Walsh added to the lead with the team's fourth goal with 2:52 left in the half. Whitney Guenther and Lindsey Blair notched the assists.

The momentum continued in favor of Northville for the second half. Meteyer mixed things up a bit and moved some defensive players up. It paid off. The first goal of the second half was a pure sister act. Sophomore forward Lauren Hill passed the ball up to her sister and senior defender Lindsey Hill to make it a 5-0 game, he said.

Guenther recorded her third assist of the night when she passed up to Deanne Kubas who tipped the ball past the goalie to give the 'Stangs a six-goal lead.

Northville didn't stop there, though. Bailey and Kubas com-

bined to extend the lead further with 14:15 left in the game, according to Meteyer. The goal made it 7-0.

With less than 10 minutes left in the game, Amy Cauzillo accepted a pass from Long and faked around the goalie to end the game, 8-0.

Sophomore goalie Katie Weicksel recorded the win and her sixth shutout of the season.

Northville faced off against the Salem Rocks last night but the results were not available for this edition. They will head to Dearborn on Friday night and Wayne on Monday.

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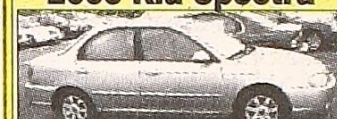


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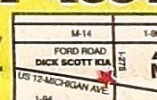
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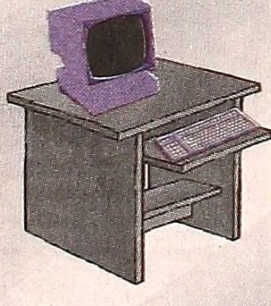
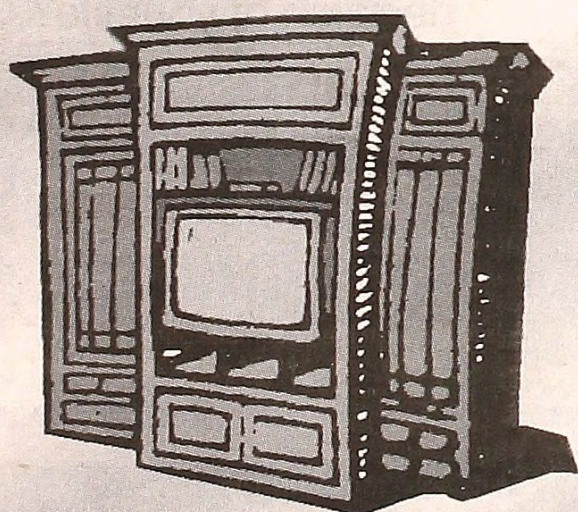
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Vikings top Highland Park

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

After a slew of losses in recent weeks, the Inkster Vikings' varsity baseball team walked away with two confidence-building wins last week.

They got things going early against Inkster Cherry Hill on Tuesday, May 6 and never let up until they had a 17-5 mercy in four and a half innings.

"Like I said before, if the team starts coming together in the first inning rather than in the fourth or fifth we will play a lot better," said Inkster Coach Jerome Orr.

The Vikings came together in the first inning to score five runs. They added another in the third, but they tore things open in the top of the fourth inning when they rallied for 11 runs. Leveirson Smith led the assault as he went 2-for-4 with five RBIs and Michael Turner was a powerhouse at the plate. He went 2-for-4 with four RBIs.

Pierre Goree was solid with two base hits and Reggie Smith added one.

Reggie Smith was also the starting pitcher but was relieved by Goree in the second inning. Combined, the two pitchers recorded seven strikeouts in the win.

The Vikings were still riding high after the 15-4 victory they earned against Highland Park the day before.

Mike Willingham pitched a one-hitter to record the win. He notched seven strikeouts and only gave up one walk, according to Orr.

On offense, Reggie Smith was solid from the plate again for Inkster. He had a home run, double, single and five RBIs in the win, Orr said. Mike Thomas also had three hits.

"I think the wins helped to put some pride back in the kids," Orr said. "It showed them that we can play baseball. I hope they keep it up for the rest of the season."

The Vikings played at Dearborn Fordson last night but the results weren't available for this addition. Tomorrow night they play at rival Ecorse and head to Romulus on Saturday.

Around the field

Salem defeats Wayne

Salem Soccer was at its best last week when they took on a struggling Wayne Memorial Zebra team on Wednesday, May 5.

They surged to a 9-0 lead to end the first half and scored two more goals to finish the Zebras off 11-0.

Jordan Falcusan led the offensive assault with four goals. Megan McCarthy added two in the efforts. Jane DeWitt, Kelly Adsit, Amy Gizicki, Jen Murray and Sherry Buijk all added single goals in the lopsided victory. Marissa Sarkesian had a solid day with three assists while Genna Foster, DeWitt, Adsit, Gizicki, Kim Towne, Kristin March and Murray all added single assists in the win.

Junior goalie Alyssa Guerin recorded her first varsity shutout in the game but only faced one shot, according to

Salem Coach Joe Nora.

Salem will host Novi tomorrow.

Inkster defeats Highland Park

The Inkster Vikings faired well against Highland Park on the softball diamond last Wednesday, May 5. They fought a tough battle on the road and came away with a 12-11 victory.

Senior pitcher Corena Easley struck out nine batters and turned around and hit two home runs and drove in five RBIs. Tanisha Collins added three hits for three RBIs and Katurah Childs contributed with three hits and six stolen bases. Latelia Tate also had three hits for Inkster.

"I like where we're at so far," said Inkster coach Ron Bailey. "We're a young team but we're really starting to come together."

As of Monday morning Inkster is 5-5 with a difficult schedule on the way.

Rockets

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which is good for us."

Bedford Tournament

Baran recently pitched a two-hitter against Wyandotte Roosevelt at the Bedford tournament on Saturday. She recorded 13 strikeouts and gave up no walks. In that same game, the only win for the week, Devon Ross was 3-for-4 at the plate and Megan Dean recorded two base hits and an RBI. Sarah Mackey nailed a double in the sixth to knock in two runners, according to Duncan.

The tournament didn't start in their favor, though. In the first game they were matched up against Northview, a school out of Ohio, where Duncan said they have some pretty good teams.

John Glenn kept it close through the first five innings and only trailed, 1-0. However, Northview opened it up in the sixth and scored five runs and, due to time restraints, the game was forced to end before the Rockets had another attempt at the plate, according to Duncan.

In their third game of the tournament, Glenn fell short to a tough Whiteford team. The Rockets out-hit their opponents 11-8 but still walked away with an 8-5 loss.

On top of her five strikeouts that she pitched, Baran notched two doubles when at bat and knocked in one run. Liz Brozek went 2-for-4 with two singles and two RBIs while Ross hit a double in the fifth for an RBI to finish out the tournament.

The Rockets faced the Canton Chief last night but the results were unavailable for this edition. They face the Walled Lake Central tomorrow night.

host the cross-campus showdown with the talented Salem Rocks next Wednesday.

The final two games could be the key to the division championship.

As of Monday night, the Chiefs were tied with Northville for first place in the division, which means both teams need to do well against the Spartans and the Rocks for a chance at winning the division outright.

Chiefs

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The Chiefs hosted Livonia Churchill on Wednesday night but the results were unavailable for this edition. The season will get down to the nitty-gritty when they hit the road against a strong Stevenson Spartans team on Monday and they will

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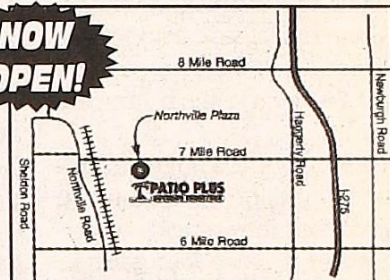
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Northville Mustangs hurlers mercy Canton Chiefs, 16-5

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Northville faced off against rival Canton in baseball and continued their winning ways to trounce the Chiefs, 16-5, in a six-inning mercy Monday night.

"I have to give Canton credit," said Northville Coach Mickey Newman. "They played a very good four or five innings in that game. They are a much-improved team since the last time we played."

The Chiefs hit off of senior pitcher Mark Sorenson the best of any team has this year, he added.

Sorenson still had a solid day

on the mound. He gave up seven hits and four earned runs but struck out eight batters in the win.

On offense, the 'Stangs knocked out four home runs. Senior Brian Tellish led off the second inning with the first home run but the rest wouldn't come until the sixth. Matt Williams and Brendan Buckley hit back-to-back homers in the sixth and Dan Van Horn added a grand slam in the same inning. Junior Tyler Laing scored on a bases-loaded walk to round out the seven-run sixth inning.

Charlie Thomas had a good day at the plate with three RBIs

and Brett Asher hit a two-run double to cap out a three-run first inning.

"We've been hitting the ball well all year," Newman said. "The wind was blowing out and the air was humid. It was good hitting weather and I knew there would be a lot going out."

The huge win came after two disappointing losses in their doubleheader against Saline on Saturday.

The Mustangs fell behind early, 7-1 in the first inning, but battled back to make it an 8-6 game in the sixth. Williams hit a home run in the seventh to close in on Saline, 8-7, but Northville

couldn't finish off the rally for the win.

Asher went 3-for-4 in the game and Steve Besk was 2-for-3.

Adam Smith started on the mound and gave up nine hits and five earned runs in five and two-thirds innings for the loss.

In the second game, the results were much the same. Northville fell behind early again, 9-4 after two innings, but battled back in the fourth to make it a 9-8 game. The Mustangs couldn't finish the rally off again and fell 11-9.

Senior Jimmy Cicala did his part and went 4-for-4 to score three runs and record three RBIs. He nailed two home runs, a

solo in the third and a two-run homer in the fourth, and hit two doubles. Williams was solid again with three hits.

"It was a little frustrating," Newman said. "We out-hit Saline 25-16 in the two games. It was just one of those days that we didn't get the bounces to go our way."

Northville sits on a 16-4 overall record and remain undefeated in division play, 5-0.

The Mustangs faced the Salem Rocks at home on Wednesday but the results weren't in in time for this edition. They will hit the road to play Churchill tomorrow night and head to Novi for a doubleheader on Saturday.

Salem Rocks tennis team remains solid with 2 straight shut outs

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Salem Rocks' varsity tennis squad acquired their second straight shutout this week when they defeated Walled Lake Northern, 8-0.

Mike Ware blanked Same Hall (6-0, 6-0) to give Salem a win at the number-one singles spot. Northern's Will Farwell was no match foe Pat Shaw at the number-two singles seat. Shaw also served up a shut out (6-0, 6-0). Chris Treadwell, at the number-three spot, held Andy Sanders scoreless in the first set, 6-0, and defeated him, 6-2, in the second for a victory. Number-four sin-

gles player Robby Wallen knocked off Brad Thomas (6-4, 6-0).

In doubles competition, Salem's number-one team of Craig Lytle and Roma Buffa defeated Brad Gardner and Adam Glenn. The number-two team, Ryan Foley and Pete Bartlett struggled in the first two sets against Jimmy Kwiecien and Matt Miller. They lost the first set, 2-6, and it took overtime to win the second, 7-6. They settled things down and won the third set, 6-2.

John Schellhase and Dave Geick shutout Kenny Harthun and Nik Seth (6-0, 6-0) in the number-three doubles competi-

tion. At number four, Blake Foster and Neil Bakshi were triumphant against Jeff Briody and Alan Johnson (6-4, 6-1).

Rocks 8, Rockets 0

The Rocks continued their winning ways when they beat the John Glenn Rockets, 8-0 last Thursday.

The Rocks rolled through the competition without hindrance and were glad to have Lytle back in the line up as a part of the number-one doubles team. He had been out all season due to sickness. He paired up with team partner Christian Fenton and defeated Richard Dzuban and Josiah Swartz. The win didn't come without a contest,

though. The first set went into overtime but they came away with the 7-5 victory and they went onto win the second set 6-4.

The Rocks' number-two team of Ali El-Hourani and Iggy Marquez met a tough team in Scott Fletcher and Jaycob Delpiano. Salem won the first set, 6-4 but the second went longer but they earned a 7-5 victory to put the match away.

Schellhase and Geick breezed by the Rockets' Bruce Green and James Fisher (6-0, 6-1) at the number-three team spot and the number-four team of Foster and Bakshi shutout Dan Mack and Brandon Nikita (6-0, 6-0).

The Rocks were just as strong

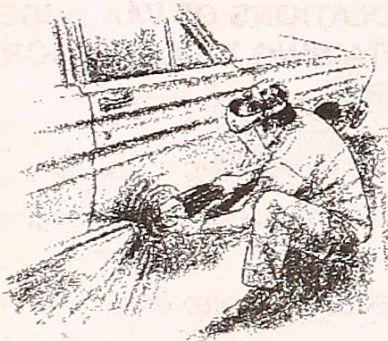
in the singles competition and were unbeaten for the day.

Salem's Ware defeated Glenn's Mike Galunas (6-1, 6-2) in the number-one singles match up while Shaw put away Tim Drotz (6-2, 6-1) at the number-two spot.

Number-three singles player Wallen had a solid day and shutout Ajay Tailor (6-0, 6-0). Kushal Mistry finished off Justin Hernandez in two sets (6-2, 6-4) at the number four seat.

Salem is now 7-1-1 in the conference and has matches this week against Walled Lake Western on Friday and start conference playoffs at Stevenson on Saturday.

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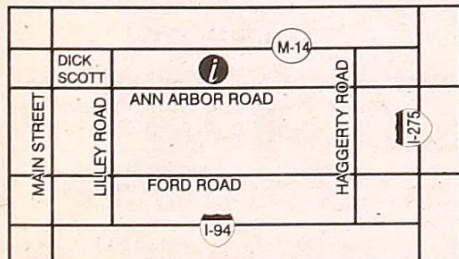


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Romulus athlectics director to retire

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Athletics Director Jesse Meriweather will retire from the Romulus Community School District this spring after a highly successful 34-year educational career.

He has served the district as a Senior High social studies teacher and assistant principle, a middle school principal and the district athletic director.

During his 12 years as the athletics director, he has led the Romulus Eagles to 23 Mega League championships in 11 different sports.

Under his leadership, the 200 boys' track and field team won the state Division II Championship and the 1999 team finished second. Several individual athletes including wrestlers and track and field relay teams, boys and girls, have also won State Championships during his career.

Meriweather always represented Romulus in a first class manner at league meetings and volunteered Romulus to host many Mega League Championships and state district and regional basketball tournaments, according to district spokesperson Dick Kruse. He also helped Romulus to host special events such as the Romulus Royal Wrestling Tournament, middle and high school volleyball tournaments and Mega League track and field meets.

"I've enjoyed all my years here," Meriweather said. "I hope the programs continue to do well."

Meriweather was also a strong advo-

cate of academic excellence throughout his career. His Romulus athletic teams consistently had study tables and required weekly grade checks for student athletes. He drew upon his own background as a standout Michigan City, Indiana three-sport prep star that combined athletic and academic achievement. He was a quarterback on the football team, an Indiana all-state selection in basketball and a sprinter on the track team. He said he is still proud of the league championships all three teams achieved in his senior year of high school.

His all-state honors earned him a basketball scholarship to Western Michigan where he was a consistent performer for the Broncos.

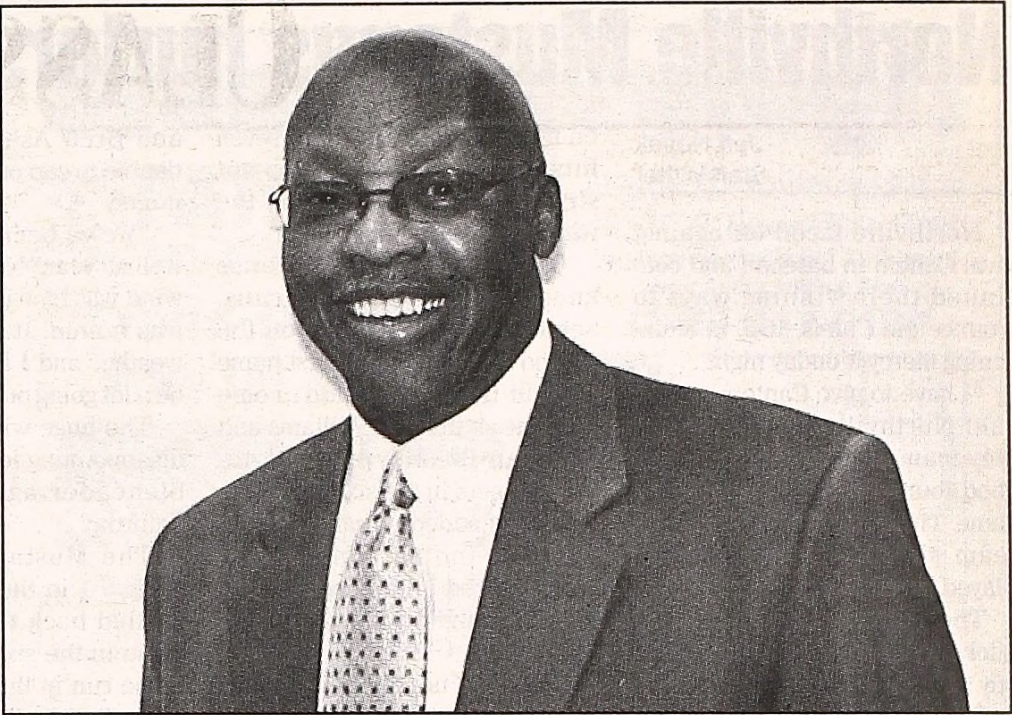
Meriweahter has continued to be an active member of the "W" Club for many years and has been a frequent attendee at the various university functions. He has additionally volunteered his time to help young Bronco athletes in their collegiate careers.

"Jesse Meriweather was a positive role model for the Romulus student athletes throughout his career," said Kruse. "He worked hard to help students do their best and meet high goals. The Romulus educational community extends its best wishes to Jesse Meriweather and his family on a wonderful an fulfilling retirement."

Meriweather said that he is taking the first year off to travel, watch sports, and relax before he contemplates several coaching offers he has been offered since his retirement announcement.

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To the qualified Electors of the Romulus Community School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that, in conformity with the "Michigan Election Laws," I, the undersigned City Clerk, will upon any day EXCEPT Sunday, a legal holiday, and the day of any regular or special election, shall receive for registration the name of any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the CLOSE of Registration for the Annual School Election and the day of such election.

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For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTER-ING such of the qualified electors that shall properly apply therefor, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the Romulus Community School District, at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election shall be entered in the registration book.

The following vacancies for member of the Board of Education will be voted upon in the Romulus Community School District:

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This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Romulus Community Schools, County of Wayne, Michigan,

Linda R. Choate, CMC
Clerk

Publish: May 6, 2004
May 13, 2004

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN COUNTY OF WAYNE STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 04-20-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 6-2-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE REGULATIONS OF VAN BUREN TO REVISE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

Second reading of ordinance for adoption.

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, of the Charter Township of Van Buren,

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1.	Article II	Definitions	Amend
Section 2.	Article IV.	General Provisions, Section 4.10	Amend
Section 3.	Article IV.	General Provisions, Section 4.14	Amend
Section 4	Effective Date		

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 4th day of May, 2004.

YEAS:	Rochowiak, Hart, Jahr, Herman, Payne and King.
NAYS:	None.
ABSENT AND EXCUSED:	Budd.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after passage.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

Publish: May 13, 2004

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On May 22, 2004, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00 a.m., at J&T Towing and Storage, 237 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1986 PLYMOUTH 4D 1P3BP26DXGC226923 44-414-04 1991 FORD 4D 1FACP52U6MG188502 44-415-04 1985 OLDSMOBILE 4D 1G3BN69A9F9046035 44-421-04 1993 PONTIAC 4D 1G2NE5434PM593426 44-426-04 1994 MERCURY 4D 1MELM5344RG612878 44-488-04 1994 MERCURY 2D 1MELM6249RH628690

44-501-04 1991 CHEVORLET 2D 1G1LZ13A5MY154460 44-504-04 1987 HONDA 4D 1HGEC4531HA078253 44-508-04 1990 FORD 2D 1ZVPT20C0L5115956 44-519-04 1990 FORD 2D 1FAPP9198LT175102 44-521-04 1991 BUICK 4D 1G4NC54U1MM205196 44-522-04

Upon completion, the auction will move to Great Lakes Towing and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2001 FORD 4D 1FAPP52241A277477 44-365-04 1989 OLDSMOBILE 2D 1G3WS14T4KD373794 44-457-04 1994 PONTIAC 2D 1G2NE1532RM536183 44-517-04 1990 TOYOTA 2D 1NXAE94A9LZ111961 44-529-04 1997 DODGE VAN 2B7HB21YXVK546565 44-531-04 1995 FORD P/U 1FTCR10A8SUA71198 44-533-04

61. Misc. Items

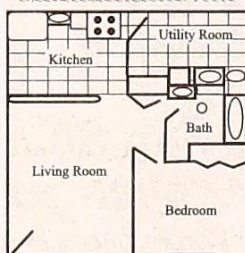
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All vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC Van Buren Township Clerk Published: May 13, 2004

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On May 18, 2004 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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1B4GH44R4PX717586
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1990 Ford Escort
2 Door- White
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1991 Lincoln Town Car
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Due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION
Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after June 12, 2004

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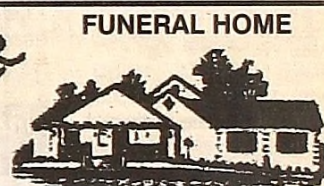
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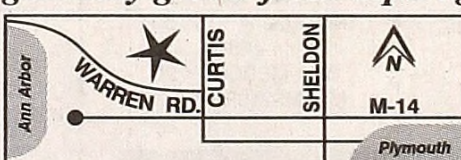
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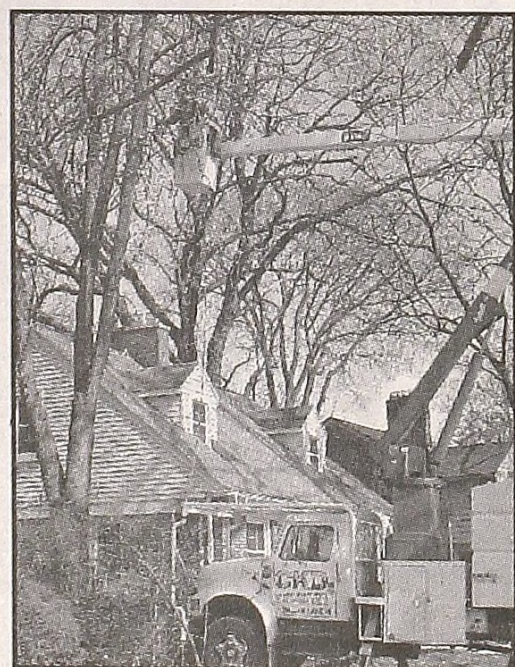
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